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HOW SUSANNA WESLEY REARED HER CHILDREN

Susanna Wesley was the mother of John Wesley and of Charles Wesley. She bore nineteen children in all. She was a strong and devout woman and there can be no doubt of her great share in forming the characters and lives of her two eminent sons, the founders of Methodism.

John Wesley had his mother write down for him some of the rules by which she reared her children. They are published in *John Wesley's Journal*. As you read it you can see how this Godly mother absorbed and took to heart the teaching of the Word of God about correcting children. She knew the meaning of Proverbs 23:13, 14: "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell." We suggest that if mothers and fathers who read this want to rear some great preachers for God, or even law-abiding, earnest Christians, they take heed to the rules followed by Susanna Wesley.

We select the following, pages 94 to 97 of *The Heart of John Wesley's Journal*:

July 24, 1732
"Dear Son—According to your desire, I have collected the principal rules I observed in educating my family; which I now send you as they occurred to my mind, and you may (if you think they can be of use to any) dispose of them in what order you please.

"When turned a year old (and some before), they were taught to fear the rod, and to cry softly; by which means they escaped abundance of correction they might otherwise have had; and that most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house; but the family usually lived in as much quietness as if there

had not been a child among them.

"Conquer the Child's Will
"In order to form the minds of children, the first thing to be done is to conquer their will and bring them to an obedient temper. To inform the understanding is a work of time, and must with children proceed by slow degrees as they are able to bear it: but the subjecting the will is a thing which must be done at once; and the sooner the better. For by neglecting timely correction, they will contract a stubbornness and obstinacy which is hardly ever after conquered; and never, without using such severity as would be as painful to me as to the child. In the esteem of the world they pass for kind and indulgent, whom I call cruel, parents who permit their children to get habits which they know must be afterwards broken. Nay, some are so stupidly fond, as in sport to teach their children to do things which, in a while after, they have severely beaten them for doing.

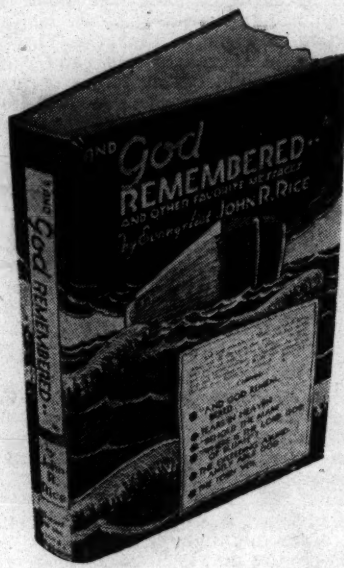
"Whenever a child is corrected, it must be conquered; and this will be no hard matter to do, if it be not grown headstrong by too much indulgence. And when the will of a child is totally subdued, and it is brought to revere and stand in awe of the parents, then a great many childish follies and inadvertences may be passed by. Some should be overlooked and taken no notice of; and others mildly reproofed; but no wilful transgression ought ever to be forgiven children, without chastisement, less or more, as the nature and circumstances of the offense require.

"I insist upon conquering the (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

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BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

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"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

"He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."
—I John 5:11-13.

You Can Know You Are Saved

In Minden, Louisiana, some years ago, I visited in the office of a fine Catholic man. He was a college graduate, a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, a cultured and kindly gentleman.

The conversation was about John 5:24 which says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." I called the attention of this new Catholic friend of mine to the statement of Jesus that one could, by hearing the words of Christ and trusting in Him, have everlasting life, and be already passed out of death into life, so that he would never come into condemnation; that one could be saved now, already forgiven, born again, and sure of a home in Heaven!

"But the church says . . ." he said, and he set in to tell me the pronouncements of the Catholic church, which teach that through the Catholic church and its sacraments, and through the mediation of the priests, the virgin Mary, and the saints, one might find himself, after death, saved, but that unless he was an unusually saintly character, he would probably go to purgatory and there after many masses were said by priests, by the awful suffering, the loyal Catholic might be finally purged and promoted into Heaven.

"But all that is just the opinion of men," I said. "The Bible says

nothing of the kind. Here the Lord Jesus Christ Himself plainly says that you can trust in Him and already have eternal life, and never come into condemnation. And John 3:16 says that 'whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' Then I continued by showing him how that Christ died for our sins and paid all the debt, and that all of our sins were charged against Christ the minute we trust Him as our own Saviour. Many sweet promises I showed Him.

My heart went out to this new friend. He sat before me transfixed, gazing into my face. And when I had finished he said, "Oh, how wonderful that would be, if it were really true! To think that one could have all of his sins forgiven and know it and be absolutely sure of a home in Heaven! Oh, that would be the happiest thing anybody in the world could ever know." Then he sighed and said, "But the church doesn't teach it that way, and we must take what the church says."

I looked up and found it was already dusk. We had sat in his office far past the closing time. I had been expected at the open air revival services and was late. And neither of us had had the evening meal, nor even thought about it, so enthralled were we in this fascinating subject. But how sad that he, and many others do not think you can be saved at once, have eternal life, and KNOW you are going to Heaven.

But, dear reader, I solemnly tell (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

Walking to Georgia

By S. D. GORDON

S. D. Gordon, in his little book, *Quiet Talks About Calvary*, has a chapter on "The Calvary Spirit." He tells how Christ was absolutely alone in His substitutionary death on the cross; no one else could die for man's sins as He did. Yet, he emphasizes the fact that every Christian ought to have the Calvary spirit, a denying of self and daily dying for others and for Christ. Mr. Gordon says: "Our Master, from Calvary's top today, says to us today, 'Follow me,' and only as we do here can there be life for us of this highest sort, and through us life for a whole world." And now here we give Mr. Gordon's illustration of this daily dying life.

"WALKING TO GEORGIA" (By S. D. Gordon in *Quiet Talks About Calvary*, published by Revell.)

A very simple incident came to my notice recently. It took place a couple of years ago just outside of Washington. An express train was pulling out of the station of Alexandria, in Virginia. Just as it pulled out, an old Negro, black as night, hurried up to the station, and on to the train at the very last moment. The Negro got on the steps just at the last moment, pulled himself on, a big man, and black as a man's hat.

Your could see he was evidently very tired. He entered the car. He shambled his weary way up the aisle to the top end of the car and stood, looking down for a seat. But there was none that he might take unless it were offered him. He shifted his weight on his feet, and dropped his shoulders, and looked the picture of weariness.

By and by a young fellow sitting near beckoned him, and said, "Uncle, sit down here."

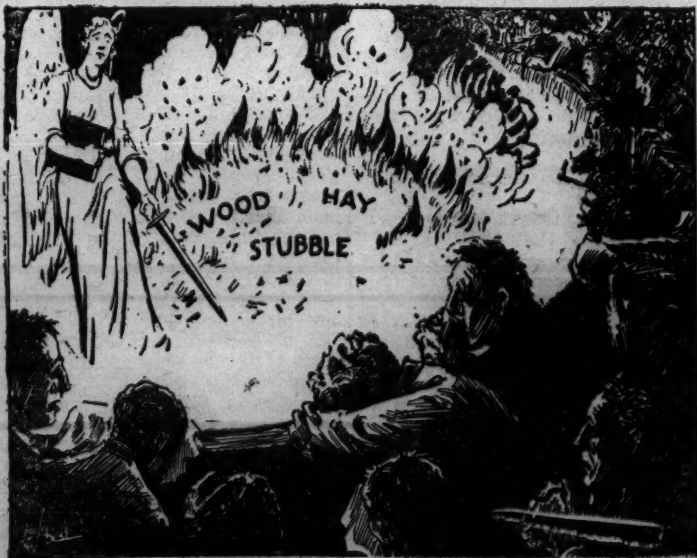
The old man came, and said, "Thank you, sir," and sat down.

And the young fellow guessed something about the old black man, and as a newsboy came through the car, he stopped him and bought some sandwiches, and gave the old man a few. He said, "Thank you, sir! haven't had anything to eat today. Been walking since four o'clock this morning to catch this train, and I was rather reckoning to fill up when I got down to Georgia."

Then he rambled on with his story. The old home was down in Georgia, and after the war he had come up to Virginia with "Marse" Henry to take care of him, his old master.

"Now," he said, "Marse Henry's dying, and I am going back to (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

TEARS IN HEAVEN



"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." —I Corinthians 3:15.

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you on the authority of Jesus Christ Himself and the Bible, that you can be saved now, and know it beyond any question, and have the wonderful assurance that you already have a home in Heaven that can never be taken from you! The Roman Catholic Church on this matter is wrong, and the teaching of many preachers is wrong, when they tell you that you have to wait until you die to know whether you will be saved or not. I say that salvation is a present-tense matter; you may absolutely know that you have passed from death to life, that you have eternal life, that you have come to Christ and that He is your Saviour and will never cast you out, and that none can pluck you from His hand!

First John 5:13, quoted above, says:

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Likewise, First John 3:14 says: "WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE, because we love the brethren."

There is it again: people can be saved, and saved people can know it. In Romans 8:16 God says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Certainly these Scriptures say and must be believed, that a child of God can have unmistakable evidence that he is saved.

II. If You Have Christ, You Have Salvation

The Scripture with which we began this article tells us that salvation is in Christ, and that one who has Christ has eternal life. Read again First John 5:11, 12: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life."

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Look carefully at what that verse of Scripture says.

First, it says that God has given us eternal life. That is another way of saying that salvation is free. God is not selling salvation. He is giving salvation. John 3:16 and 17 tells us the same thing, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Salvation is free!

That is the meaning of Ephesians 2:8 and 9, which says:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God:

"Not of works, lest any man should boast."

You can't work for salvation. It comes because of the loving mercy or grace of God. Salvation is the gift of God!

So First John 5:11 says that "God hath given to us eternal life."

Second, the same verse says, "And this life is in his Son." The only salvation God ever gave anybody is in Jesus Christ. Christ is God's plan of salvation. Christ came into the world to save sinners. Nobody else came to save them, and nobody else can save them. God has no other mediator; He has not put salvation into anyone else's hand to distribute. There are some people who think that salvation is in the church, but they are wrong. Salvation is in Christ. There are some who believe that salvation is in the hands of the priesthood, but they are wrong. Salvation is in the hands of Christ Himself personally. Some people are taught that by ordinances of the church, salvation can be given; that in baptism at the hands of a minister, or in partaking of the Lord's Supper at the altar, they may take salvation. But salvation is not in priests nor preachers and not in ordinances nor churches. Salvation is in the hands of Jesus Christ alone. "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

When any poor sinner confesses to a priest his sins, and the priest promises him forgiveness the priest either ignorantly or wilfully deceives the confessing sinner. God has not turned salvation over to priests. When an earnest soul prays to the Virgin Mary, asking her to intercede with Christ, he does wrong and dishonors Christ, for salvation is not in Mary. It is in God's Son, Jesus Christ. And when one prays to the saints, hoping that these saints will intercede, or that their righteous deeds may be put to his account, such praying dishonors Christ and is useless and worse than useless. Salvation is not in the hands of saints, not at all. Neither priests, nor Mary, nor saints can save nor help save. All the salvation God ever gives, He gives directly through His Son. There is no proxy that can come between Jesus Christ and a lost soul. We can preach or witness or pray, but each one must, in his heart, come directly to Christ for salvation.

One Scripture makes that plain forever. First Timothy 2:5 says: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Just as surely as there is one God only, so there is only one mediator between men and God. And that Mediator is Jesus Christ. Only one! Not Mary, not the saints, not a priest; but Jesus alone, is the Mediator between God and men. Jesus well said, "I am the door" (John 10:7). Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Any preacher who pretends that when he sprinkles a baby, he is helping save that baby, is a usurper, a false prophet, pretending to take the place of Jesus Christ, which he cannot do. There is only one mediator, the Scripture says.

Any mother and father who bring their child for sprinkling or christening, and take solemn vows for the child, are taking on themselves too much. They cannot save the child, they cannot take vows for the child. And if they teach

the child that he has become a child of God, or has gained any favor at all with God by being sprinkled as a baby, they are guilty of wicked sin. They may so deceive the child and damn his soul by letting him believe that he has obtained some merit or some standing by that act.

Even if an adult is baptized, and even baptized in the Scriptural form, by immersion, and if the minister teaches that in the act of baptism one receives salvation, then he is guilty of claiming for himself that which belongs only and solely to Jesus Christ. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Proxy religion is out of the question in New Testament Christianity. Jesus Christ is the only proxy, the only mediator, the only go-between, the only channel of salvation.

When I showed First Timothy 2:5 to a Catholic woman in Washington, D. C., in April of this year, she looked at it with glad interest and soon saw that Jesus Christ alone could save; and she put her happy trust in Him. But she said, "I never would have believed it if you hadn't showed it to me in the Bible. I thought that the Virgin Mary, and the saints, and the priests, could be mediators or go-betweens for me. But I see that the Bible says it can be nobody but Jesus Christ Himself."

So First John 5:11 tells us that "God has given us eternal life, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON."

The third thing this passage tells us is that when you get Jesus you get everything else pertaining to salvation. When you get Jesus you get everlasting life. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life."

In Dubuque, Iowa, I had revival services in the First Presbyterian Church. One night when I preached on trusting Christ, a seventeen-year-old boy, a fine young fellow, came to trust in Christ. How wholehearted and sincere he was!

A few nights later I preached on the words of Jesus to Nicodemus, "Ye Must Be Born Again." And when the invitation was given here came that same seventeen-year-old boy again, at once, to take my hand. He said, "Brother Rice, the other night I trusted Christ to be my Saviour, and now I want to be born again."

I explained to him that when he trusted Christ and when Jesus Christ came into his heart, he got everything that God had in connection with salvation. He got a new heart, he was born again into the family of God, his sins were all forgiven, his name was written down in Heaven, and he had everlasting life.

"Well, I wanted to be sure I had everything," he said.

Dear friend, when you have Jesus Christ, you have "everything" in the way of salvation. "He that hath the Son hath life."

To be a Christian, then, does not mean believing a certain creed. It does not mean joining a certain church. It does not mean living a certain kind of life. To be a Christian means simply to have Christ. When you open your heart and trust Christ to come in and save you, He does. When you have the Son, you have the life. If you do not have the Son, you do not have life.

III. He Is Yours When You Believe In Him, Trust Him

It is true that God has given us freely everlasting life. It is also true that this life is in His Son, and that "He that hath the Son, hath life." But how do we get Christ and the life that is in Him? Salvation is given to us, but how do we receive it?

That question is answered in these words, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Only those who have believed on the Son of God may know that they have eternal life. And this is written that people "may believe on the name of the Son of God."

We receive Christ, and the salvation that is in Him, when we trust Him.

Believe as used in this passage does not mean that we believe a creedal statement. It does not mean that we simply believe that Jesus

Christ is the Son of God. "The devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19). But to believe the historical facts about Christ, is not saving faith, and does not obtain the salvation that is in Christ.

Just to believe that the bank in your city is a sound bank, safely managed, and honestly administered, is not enough to do you any good. As long as you do not deposit your money in the bank, but leave it in a sock under the mattress, or in a vase on the mantle, your belief about the bank cannot do you any good. It cannot save or protect your money from thieves. There is no "saving faith" in the bank until you deposit your money with the bank and risk the bank, depend upon the bank.

You may believe that a certain doctor is capable, well-trained, reliable, a skillful physician. But your mental agreement with those facts has nothing to do with getting you well if you are sick. In that case "saving faith" in the doctor would mean that you must call the doctor and turn your case over to him, risk him, depend upon him, reply upon him to get you well, through the skill God has given him.

No matter what you believe about a ferryboat, it will not take you across the river until you get on it.

And no matter what you believe about Jesus Christ, He cannot be your Saviour until you trust Him. Saving faith means that you must depend upon Jesus, personally; that you risk Him, rely upon Him, commit yourself to Him.

In that sense, then, those who believe in the name of the Son of God have everlasting life, have salvation.

How many, many times this is stated in the Bible. Look at these promises from the gospel of John:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." — John 1:12.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

— John 3:16.

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

— John 3:18.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

— John 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

— John 5:24.

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

— John 6:40.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

— John 6:47.

You see that many, many times it is plainly said that one who believes in Christ (that is, one who trusts Him and depends upon Him) has everlasting life, has salvation.

Peter said to Cornelius, about Jesus Christ:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

— Acts 10:43.

You see that every prophet in the Old Testament bore witness to Christ, and that through His name whosoever believed in Him had remission and forgiveness of his sins.

Paul preached the same thing to the Jews in Antioch of Pisidia:

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

"And by him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

— Acts 13:38, 39.

When the trembling, convicted jailer asked, "What must I do to

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Listen in Sunday mornings, if possible, and pray for the success of this broadcast.

Mr. Webb is a fervent Bible preacher and has promised some sermons for *The Sword of the Lord* in the near future.

THE EDITOR IN TENT REVIVAL IN RACINE, WIS.

The editor is in the midst of an evangelistic campaign at Racine, Wisconsin, sponsored by the Racine Christian Youth Association. Services are held in a large tent, 80 by 80 feet. The services are interdenominational in character, and the attendance is from practically all denominations. A show of hands indicates a larger audience of Lutherans than of any other denominational group. Night after night God is saving souls and in the week remaining we expect a blessed reaping.

We are grateful for the cooperation and help of pastors. Each Sunday morning and evening we speak at a different church. The Ministerial Alliance turned over to me their daily radio program; Rev. Walter H. Carvin has had me as a guest several times on his daily broadcast. Some Catholics have been saved, and last night (Friday night, June 20th), two students for the Catholic priesthood were in the services and talked with us long after the service about the new birth.

A blessed prayer meeting lasted until 1:40 a.m. this morning.

On Sunday, June 29th, the editor begins a four weeks' union revival campaign at Freeport, Illinois, sponsored by the Freeport Bible Conference Association and backed by a number of churches which have given up their Sunday evening services and are entering heartily and beautifully into the campaign. The large Odd Fellows' hall, with a thousand seats, has been rented for the campaign. Twelve hundred letters are being sent to rural box-holders besides other advertising. We earnestly hope that hundreds will be saved and we covet the prayers of readers of *The Sword of the Lord*.

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be saved?" Paul and Silas answered:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." — Acts 16:31.

And that is the way the rest of the Bible speaks on this subject, too. Everywhere we find it plainly taught that one who trusts in Jesus Christ, depends upon Him, relies on Him, and takes Him at His word that He is willing and ready to forgive — everyone who so believes in Christ is saved.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," we are told in Romans 10:13. But the next verse shows that no one can call upon Christ without believing on Him. One who honestly and earnestly confesses Jesus Christ as his Saviour, claims Him, is saved; but that is because, the Scripture tells us, that "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness (the righteousness of God) and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). Faith in Jesus Christ, in the heart, settles the matter, and then the mouth claims it.

Baptism does not save. Baptism is just the answer of a good conscience toward God, the open profession of one who has already trusted in Christ and received salvation.

Dear friend who reads this, have it settled forever in your heart that when you trust Jesus Christ and take Him as your own Saviour, depending upon Him, then you have everlasting life already.

If you have not done so before, will you not here and now trust Jesus Christ to forgive all your sins and change your heart and save your soul? If you will, then first close your eyes and tell the Lord Jesus so right now. And then next tell others. Write me a letter, if you will. How glad I would be to hear it! And tell others about it, and set out to live for Jesus. But the instant you really trust Jesus Christ in your heart, depending on Him to forgive you, as He promised to do, then you have everlasting life.

"These things have I written unto you THAT BELIEVE ON THE SON OF GOD, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and THAT YE MAY BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD." Salvation is by believing.

IV. How To Absolutely Know You Are Saved

The Scripture has told us how to be saved. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son; and those who believe in Him have that eternal life. That is what the Scripture tells us in First John 5:11-13.

And now, how can we KNOW, absolutely know that we are already saved?

First of all, we can know because it is written down in the Bible! "These things have I written unto you . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life," says the promise we are studying here. God has written down for us in the Bible many great and precious promises. Again and again He has promised that one who trusts in Jesus Christ has eternal life. And the Scripture here was written especially so we might know we are saved, we who have trusted in Christ, believed on Him with saving faith.

It is clear, then, that the place to get assurance is the Word of God. If you have trusted Christ the best you know, given Him your heart, and depended on Him to save you, then you must take God's own Word for it that you have eternal life.

Many people want this matter settled on feeling. If they can feel as they expected to feel, then they will agree that they are saved. But human feeling is a very unstable thing. No two people will feel exactly alike under the same circumstances. I have seen brides cry at their weddings; I have seen bearded ones shout the praises of God at a funeral of one dearly beloved; I have seen people perfectly composed and calm in the face of horrible disaster! You cannot rely on people's feelings. They do not follow a regular pattern.

When some people are saved they weep. When others are saved they laugh. Others, when they are saved, are very calm and made no demonstration at all. Some seem

overwhelmed with joy, and some seem very timidly trusting, hardly daring to believe that they are really born again. Children are often saved in a very matter-of-fact and unemotional way, simply trusting in Christ without any very painful and bitter sense of guilt. Others I have seen who wept long hours before they could believe that God had forgiven them. DO NOT DEPEND UPON YOUR FEELINGS! The Bible does not say how one should feel if he is saved, and it is foolish to set up any certain ecstasy of feeling as the proof one is saved.

A ship went down at sea and the survivors were finally rescued after torturous days in an open boat in a sea. Some laughed and some cried, some were stoically calm. They felt differently, but all were saved from death in the sea just the same. Even in the Bible there is a startling difference in the outward manifestations of those saved at Pentecost, Paul on the road to Damascus, and Lydia, who quietly felt her heart opened and she received Christ.

Besides, human feelings do not stay the same. A loving young couple marries; at first they are happy, and then disagreement or misunderstanding comes in and they are miserable. But they are married still. The feelings do not change the marriage. Just so a sinner trusts Christ and is saved. Perhaps at first he is very happy. And then later he may fall into sin, or neglect to read his Bible and pray and may grow cold and lose his joy. He still has the same Saviour, but he does not have the same feelings. Don't trust your feelings! Trust the Bible; it never changes!

Or feelings may work the other way around. A new convert may be uninstructed, subject to many temptations and defeats, and many times wonder if he were really saved. Later he may grow in grace, learn the Bible, and have a greatly increased joy, a manifest sense of the presence of God. His feeling may have increased, but his salvation did not increase. Feeling varies, or comes and goes; so you cannot count on feeling. Do not depend on how you feel to know whether you are saved or not. No, no! Go back to what God's Word has said. If God says you are saved, you are.

And if you have trusted Christ that is exactly what God's Word does say; it says that you are saved. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47). The way you are to know you are saved is that after you have trusted Christ you are to take His Word for it. If God said it, it is so.

People are not saved by feeling. God has no promises that you will be saved if you feel a certain way. So your assurance is to be in the Word of God that God has forgiven you, has saved you, has given you everlasting life because He plainly promised it, and God cannot lie.

Some Christians say a very misleading thing. They say, "I know I was saved because I was there when it happened." That sounds well, but what that statement implies is not really true. Such people often mean that you can know by a certain glorious "experience" that you are saved. But that is not necessarily true, as I can quickly show you.

You were "there when it happened" when you were born the first time, too. When you first saw the light of day, when the doctor held you up by your heels and gave you a spank, and you uttered a little cry and began regular breathing, that was quite an experience! But do you, therefore, rely on your memory of how you felt, to know when you were born in this world? How do you know who is your father, and who is your mother? How do you know the date of your birth? Do you rely on your memory of the event? Do you say, "I know that my birthday is such a date because I was there when it happened"? Do you say, "I know my name is Smith because I was there when I was born"? No, no! Though you were there, you were very young

and do not remember everything that happened. Besides, your judgment was not very well developed. You were not acquainted with the names of the people present, nor your own. Perhaps you didn't even look at the calendar to see what day it was, when you were born. No, in these matters you do not rely upon your memory of the experience. YOU RELY ON THE WORD OF PEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST.

Your mother wrote the date of your birth in the family Bible, or in a baby book. She told you over and over, before you could talk, you were "mother's darling."

Your mother told you, years later, how old you were, and all the other important facts about your birth, your name, your father, your mother. And if you can rely upon another's word for the facts about your first birth, then why not rely on the Word of God for the facts in your second birth? Jesus Christ says in God's Word that when you put your trust in Him, He gave you everlasting life, that your sins were forgiven, that you were born again. Then do not go by your feelings, or by your experience, but believe what He said. Then you know that you are saved.

I was born the first time, December 11, 1895. My mother and father told me so. I was born the second time, when I was a lad about nine years old, one Sunday in the First Baptist Church at Gainesville, Texas, when I trusted Jesus Christ to forgive my sins and save me. My Heavenly Father tells me so in His Word; He tells me that when I believed in Christ I then received everlasting life. I have more reason to believe my Heavenly Father than to believe my earthly father; so I know I am born again, am saved.

Isn't that simple and plain? We may know that we are God's children, after we trust Jesus Christ to save us, because God's Word tells us that we are.

Of course, it naturally follows then, that truly born-again people may have doubts about their salvation, because they do not know the plain promises of God's Word. That was true in my case. When I was saved my dad thought I was too young to know what I was doing, and discouraged me. I went on for three sad years not sure I was saved. Then I got to reading the Bible and found John 5:24 where Jesus promised, "Verily, (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

How Susanna Wesley Reared Her Children

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will of children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education; without which both precept and example will be ineffectual. But when this is thoroughly done, then a child is capable of being governed by the reason and piety of its parents, till its own understanding comes to maturity, and the principles of religion have taken root in the mind.

"I cannot yet dismiss this subject. As self-will is the root of all sin and misery, so whatever cherishes this in children insures their after-wretchedness and irreligion; whatever checks and mortifies it promotes their future happiness and piety. This is still more evident, if we farther consider, that religion is nothing else than the doing the will of God, and not our own; that the one grand impediment to our temporal and eternal happiness being this self-will, no indulgences of it can be trivial, no denial unprofitable. Heaven or hell depends on this alone. So that the parent who studies to subdue it in his child, works together with God in the renewing and saving a soul. The parent who indulges it does the devil's work, makes religion impracticable, salvation unattainable; and does all that in him lies to damn his child, soul and body, forever.

"They Had Nothing They Cried For

"The children of this family were taught, as soon as they could speak, the Lord's prayer, which they were made to say at rising and bed-time constantly; to which, as they



"And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" — II Kings 2:14.

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"Mr. President, the armies of young men now training to preserve democracy and peace must be physically fit. Their bodies must be strong. Their muscles must be able to respond to the instantaneous call of will and mind and soul. Their brains must not be dulled, their eyes must not be dimmed by alcohol.

"The men who man our ships must be alert to the perils that surround them, below the surface of the ocean as well as above. And men of perfect control of body and mind will be needed to pilot our aircraft. To these objectives bev-

grew bigger, were added a short prayer for their parents, and some collect; a short catechism, and some portion of Scripture as their memories could bear.

"They were very early made to distinguish the Sabbath from other days; before they could well speak or go. They were as soon taught to be still at family prayers, and to ask a blessing immediately after, which they used to do by signs, before they could kneel or speak.

"They were quickly made to understand they might have nothing they cried for, and instructed to speak handsomely for what they wanted. They were not suffered to ask even the lowest servant for aught without saying, 'Pray give me such a thing,' and the servant was chid, if she ever let them omit that word."

erage alcohol is a frightful menace. "Mr. President, I condemn beverage alcohol as a threat to the health, happiness and prosperity of our citizenship.

"I condemn it as a charge upon the public, intolerable in an era of strenuous effort toward national security and defense.

"I condemn it because an alcohol-drinking democracy cannot develop the maximum strength for national defense."

— The National Voice.

Montana Minister Reports Souls Saved

Rev. Herbert R. Tyler, Jr., of Avon, Montana, writes:

" . . . I think that you ought to put the sermon, *The Torn Veil*, into book form as it has been such a blessing to me and others that have read it out here in Montana.

"The Lord has been blessing us mightily here, and the other day we closed a five-nights campaign in Winston, Montana, where there had not been any religious services in at least fifty years, and the Lord saved ten precious souls there. What a wonderful Saviour we have and how we ought to stir ourselves in these last days of apostasy.

"We praise His name for the fruits of your labor in Him.

(Signed) — Herbert R. Tyler, Jr."

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Walking to Georgia

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Georgia." And his eyes gleamed at the thought of going home, and he patted the seat cushion lovingly as though it were his Georgia home. "I bought a ticket and I'm going back to Georgia." You would have thought Georgia was heaven, to hear him talk.

By and by the conductor came through the car for the tickets. But the old man could not find his. "Dear me," he said, "where did I put that ticket? It cost a mighty lot to buy a ticket for Georgia. I have been saving up for that ticket for years." At last he found it pinned to the lining of his old hat.

While he was hunting, the conductor walked on to a woman in the next seat, a pale-faced woman sitting with her babe in her arms at her breast.

"Tickets!"

"I haven't any," she said.

"Have to get off, Madam."

And she started half up and said, "Don't put me off. My husband is down south. He had to go down for his health. The doctor said if he didn't go down to a warmer climate he must die, and we sold everything we had to pay the bills and send him off. We haven't anything; and now the doctor's word has come saying he can't live, and I must go to him, and I haven't any money."

"Sorry, Madam, have to get off."

"Don't put me off."

And then, losing control, she said, "Oh, my God, if you put me off—!"

And the guard said, "I am sorry, but of course I will lose my position if I don't. I have only one thing to do. I must do my duty."

And he turned back to get the Negro's ticket, while the woman sank back in her seat with her babe, with eyes big and face white, staring hopelessly, helplessly out of the window.

And the old black man said, "Guess you have to put me off, sah. You don't expect an old Negro like me to have enough money to buy a ticket all the way to Georgia, do you?"

And the conductor did not swear, but almost. He spoke roughly, and said, "Bah, there's some excuse for this woman here, but you—if we were not so near the station I would stop and put you off right here!" And he passed on, calling, "Tickets!"

The old man pulled himself up to his full height and turned around to the woman. He said, "Here's your ticket." She was going to Georgia, where he was bound, and the ticket would carry her there. "Here's your ticket; I do hope you'll find your husband better than you's afeared; hope so."

She turned around and stared, with her distended eyes, not taking in what he was doing.

Then the train slowed up, and the old man, with a smile in his eyes for the woman and her baby, shambled wearily to the door and down the steps, and the train pulled off, and the last they saw of the old man he was patiently trudging along the road walking "down to Georgia."

And as the story was told, there was no mention of Christ, but as I know the old slaves of the South, I know that man was a Christian. For I know those old slaves well, and I know it was the Christ spirit in his heart.

Now you may think this is a very simple story. You see nothing in the old black man walking to Georgia. Ah! Suppose you start to walk to Georgia! Then you will know what the story means. Let me ask you, please, have you ever walked to Georgia?

That is what "Follow Me" means.

How To Be Saved and Know It

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verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." I knew that I had heard the Word of God, had read it many times. I knew that I had trusted Jesus Christ, the best I knew how. So there suddenly, gloriously, came the assurance that I was really saved! I know I am saved because it is written in the Bible.

There may be some who read this who are not sure about your salvation. Well, first, make sure that you trust Jesus Christ the best you know how, trust Him to forgive you, claim Him as your Saviour. And then read carefully these promises I have mentioned, and be assured by the infallible Word of God Himself that your sins are forgiven and that you have eternal life through Christ!

There are other assurances that will help, as the days go along. The Holy Spirit of God comes in to live in your body, when you are saved. He it is who regenerates you, and makes you into a child of God. And then He never leaves you. If you quench the Holy Spirit by rebellion and grieve Him with your sins, naturally He cannot do His work perfectly. But if you let Him have His way, if you care-

fully follow the leading of the Holy Spirit day by day so that He may freely speak to your heart and give you the assurance He wants to give, then the Holy Spirit will continually give clearer assurance that your sins are forgiven.

That is what is meant in Romans 8:15 and 16 which says:

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

The Holy Spirit gives us a blessed sense of freedom when we pray, and we feel the love mount up in us. We feel the Holy Spirit within us helping us to say to God, "My dear Father." And the Holy Spirit bears witness with us that we are the children of God.

Take heed, then, that you do not allow sin in your life to grieve the Holy Spirit. Take heed that you listen carefully to His counsel, and you will have the added assurance of the Holy Spirit, witnessing in your heart, that you are a child of God.

If you get cold and backslidden, if you lose the joy of the Lord, if you grieve the Holy Spirit until you cannot hear His still, small voice, then remember you can still believe the Word of God. When

you trusted Jesus Christ He saved you with an everlasting salvation. God's Word will still say that you are saved, when you trusted Christ as Saviour.

Another assurance that a Christian may have is that certain fruits can develop in his life. For example, as you grow in grace, you will find a real love for Christians, a love that is wrought in your heart by the Holy Spirit. The new nature, born of God within you, loves other Christians. So we have the blessed promise of First John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." This is simply another, an added assurance that we are the children of God.

But perhaps you have not grown in grace as you ought to. Perhaps you do not love other Christians nearly so much as you should. Well, then remember still God's promises are written in the Bible to let you know you are saved. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life."

Many, many other assurances will come to you through the years, if you follow the Lord and serve Him. But one assurance never fails; the Word of God never changes. As long as the Word of God endures, you can be assured that if you trusted Christ as your Saviour you are born again and you have eternal life.

Have you trusted in Christ? And

are you willing to take God's Word about it? If so, then you know that you have eternal life. GOD SAID SO!

If you have not before been saved, but will trust Christ today and be saved, then will you not sign this decision here and write and tell me about it? Even if you thought you were saved but have been doubting about your salvation, I would settle it once for all today and depend wholly on God's Word after trusting Jesus Christ.

Beloved, if you were not already saved but will here and now let me hear from you that you have taken Christ as your Saviour today and are assured by His Word that you have everlasting life.

My Decision For Christ

Evangelist John R. Rice
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Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:
Today I have read your article, "How To Be Saved and Know It." Here and now I take Christ as my Saviour. I believe He forgives me and gives me everlasting life as He promised. Relying wholly upon His plain Word, I believe that I have eternal life. By His grace I will endeavor to live daily for Him and will confess Him openly before men.

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